

SOCIAL, FRATERNAL and PERSONAL



FRATERNAL GOSSIP

Dr. Finnie of Montreal, in a paper on "Forest Preservation," read before the North American Fish and Game Protective association, urges that the Foresters, Woodmen, Elks and Red Men assist the association.

A Rockford (Ill.) paper says that all the fraternal societies of that city are planning to form a joint association for the erection of a fraternal building in which all can meet.

A fraternal certificate obviates worry and leaves the mind free for other and broader thoughts. Nothing short of dire misfortune should induce one who already has a fraternal certificate to abandon it.

In fraternal work the members are helped by helping themselves.

A number of the Woman's Club members and their friends gathered in the Club House Friday afternoon to attend the card party planned by the social committee of which Mrs. F. C. Hurst is chairman. A very enjoyable time was had by all present. "500" was the game and the prizes, consisting of a handsome fan and a hand-made lace collar were won by Mrs. Morris High.

The club for this year next regular

meeting, to be held on Friday May 5, the election of the nominating committee will take place. As this is a very important meeting the president, Mrs. Caven, desires every member to be present. It rests with this committee to choose the officers for the next year, and it is hoped as many members as possible will attend.

MODERN WOODMEN.

Growth of the Order During the Past Year.

The society during the past year made a net gain in membership of 21,000, which is a remarkable showing considering that this was the first year after the revision of the rate. The total number of beneficial members in good standing Dec. 31 was 681,000 and the amount of insurance in force was \$1,136,678,500. There are 31,308 social members.

Benefit certificates issued during the year totaled 81,703. Ninety-seven members were expelled.

In the year 1904, 781 new camps were chartered and 684 camps closed out.

The number of camps in good standing on Jan. 1, 1905, was 10,841.

The average amount of the certificates in force is \$1,719.76, and the average age of the membership is 38.17 years.

The total number of adoptions during the year was 61,074, carrying \$80,092,000 insurance. There were 56,630 lapses, carrying \$86,887,000 insurance. The total number of deaths was 3,734, carrying \$6,732,000 insurance.

The number of certificates annulled during the year was 5,035.

On next Friday the Shakespeare class, recently formed in the Club, will give a reading from "The Merchant of Venice," which they have been studying under the able leadership of Mrs. Philbrook. This reading will be presented for the benefit of the members.

On Wednesday evening a dancing party will be held in the Club House for the members and their friends.

Wednesday evening the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hibernian Lodge held their regular meeting and several new members were added to the order. After the business meeting, quite an entertaining program was rendered, dainty refreshments were furnished, and dancing was indulged in till a late hour. About fifty guests were present.



Charles E. Shively, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, has issued a report showing that on Jan. 1 the supreme master of the exchequer had on hand a balance of \$44,802. The resources of the endowment fund in excess of liabilities amounted to \$887,054. The Lexington hotel property in Chicago will be continued under the management of the board of control until lease or sale is made.

Reports presented at the recent session of the grand lodge of the District of Columbia show a membership of 1,629.

The Knights of Pythias are represented in every state and territory of the Union and in the Canadas and has an aggregate membership in the supreme domain of 600,000.

A class of a thousand candidates was initiated in Kansas City, Mo., recently. The name of the new lodge instituted in Boston recently with 205 members is Violette lodge, No. 160.

The members of the grand lodge of Rhode Island, Knights of Pythias, held their annual convention recently and received reports of satisfactory conditions in every way.

The Anona Club entertained very delightfully, at a dance Monday evening. Being the first social event after Lent, everyone seemed in the spirit, the music was excellent, and the entertainment was enjoyed to the fullest extent. About three hundred invitations were issued, which speaks for the crowd that was present. Notable among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Phoenix, and Misses Barr, and McClune of Tombstone.

Among the entertainments for the near future, is a Cast of The Merchant of Venice, to be given by the Shakespeare Class of the Woman's Club. The Club will meet Monday evening, to arrange for this entertainment, and all lovers of Shakespeare will no doubt look forward to this event, with much pleasant anticipation.

Mrs. A. Nelson, accompanied by her son, and Mrs. Goudy, and Miss Marie Goudy, left Wednesday for California, where they will spend several months.

go and take up homesteads on the public domain in the vicinity of this Salt river project. But, nevertheless, settlers are going in even now, and pre-empting homestead rights under the national irrigation act. After filling claims they build their houses and do what they can to comply with the law in regard to bringing half of the 80-acre tract under cultivation. Of course they can grow nothing until they have water and it is required by law that they live on the land. So they start with a rather dry and tedious prospect.

They figure that when the water does come they will have the pick of the land, and will become proprietors of rich and valuable farms, repaying them for the money, labor and time spent in "homesteading" in the desert.

CENTENNIAL NOTES.

"Hit the Trail" at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, opening in Portland, June.

Foundations are being laid for an annex to the Administration building and for the Postoffice and Express office at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Elaborate clusters of electric lights, representing the final touches to the Bridge of Nations at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, are now being placed in position.

All exhibits for California's participation in the Lewis and Clark Exposition were shipped from that state April 15.

Two men who will participate in the rock-drilling contests at the Lewis and Clark Exposition enjoy enviable records. In fifteen minutes this team drilled through 37 inches of hard, tough granite. The men are husky miners from the Galice district in Southern Oregon.

A large tower is being erected over Guild's Lake at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Upon this will be placed a searchlight, the rays of which will be cast about the grounds at night and greatly enhance the lighting features of the Centennial.

A feature of the Oriental displays at the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be a large sandalwood temple, which, in the East India building at the St. Louis Exposition, attracted much attention. The building has been shipped and will be erected at the Centennial within another week.

The itinerary of the Missouri Valley Medical excursion to the American Medical Association convention in Portland, during the Lewis and Clark Exposition, has been decided upon. A week will be spent in the Yellowstone National Park and two days in Seattle and Tacoma.

UNITED WORKMEN.

A History of the Lodge—Workshop Notes and Gossip.

Nearly every lodge of fifty members has a printer, and printer's ink is cheap. Get up a history pamphlet of your lodge—when it was organized, a list of the members living and of the dead if any, the names of the officers and the names of the past officers. As a rule, the Workmen lodges are made up of a class of men we need not be ashamed of, and it pays to advertise.—Nebraska Workman.

On Jan. 1, 1905, the Minnesota jurisdiction had a membership in good standing of 33,028. During the past year there was a net gain in membership of 2,019.

The official organ of the Superior lodge gives the total membership of the D. of H. at the close of November at \$1,298, of whom 38,482 are beneficiary members.

If you are waiting for the other member to hustle a member you should consider that perhaps he is also waiting for you. Make the start, and he may follow your lead.

The money paid on the fraternal certificate is returned many fold at the opportune moment.

Now that the Lenten season is over, society will doubtless "get busy" again. Everyone has had time to think of some little social duty to be performed, before going away to the seashore, or cool retreats, for the summer, and Bisbee will doubtless have a whirl of social events, during the next few weeks.

A very bright gathering of little children took place at the Gymnasium, yesterday afternoon, at the children's dance. In their bright and fluffy costumes they presented a very picturesque and charming appearance, as they fluttered about, enjoying to the fullest extent, the dancing and other amusements prepared for their benefit. The success of the entertainment was attested by the happiness of the children, and Mr. Hurst is to be congratulated in his success, in thus adding so much to the pleasure of the little ones.

Friday evening, the Episcopal Guild met with Mrs. Clausen, only a few were present, so not much business was transacted, and the meeting was more of a social nature. The Apron Sale given by the Guild last week, was quite a success, and far exceeded

their expectations, in a financial way.

MASONIC.

The Social Side of Lodge Meetings. From Various Quarters.

The grand master of Florida has the following to say upon the social side of lodge meetings: "A few moments spent in social intercourse are appreciated by the new members and are productive of much good. Let every member greet and talk with as many members present as possible. See that all are acquainted and take pains to introduce the new member and visiting brother. Spend a portion of every communication in social pleasures of some kind and a more kindly feeling among the brethren is sure to follow. Encourage the study of the story of the order and provide short talks on current Masonic subjects at every convenient opportunity. Many new members will be encouraged to attend and all would be benefited thereby. Masters should arrange for something of this kind at every convenient opportunity."

South McAlester, I. T., is to have a consistory of the Scottish Rite and will thus be the Scottish Rite center of Indian Territory. The consistory will have a membership of about 500.

In the District of Columbia there are now twenty-one living past grand masters, twenty-three past grand high priests and nine past grand commanders of Knights Templars.

Kentucky has a Masonic widows and orphans' home and infirmary at Louisville, which received its first inmate in 1871 and has a capacity of 200.

The four Masonic lodges of Bellingham, Wash., will undertake the construction of a Masonic temple at that place.

The first temple in New Hampshire of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, to be known as Bektash temple, was instituted in Concord recently. The charter membership is more than 200, and 100 candidates were given the initiation.

A father in the person of Sylvian Dalsimer, with five sons, all full fledged working members, is a unique feature of Shekinah lodge.

A Masonic home will shortly be erected in Mississippi. The grand lodge has been collecting funds for the establishment of this home for many years and now has a fund of \$40,000 on hand.

Golden Gate commandery of San Francisco has decided to build a new temple, to cost \$100,000.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sutter left the city Wednesday, for an extended visit to Mrs. Sutter's former home, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. J. P. Gillespie, left this week, for New York, and for a visit to his home at Nashville, Tenn. He expects to visit the Lewis and Clark Exposition on the return trip.

Mrs. W. B. Kelly visited friends in Douglas Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Coons left Wednesday, for their home in Utica, N. Y., where they expect to remain during the summer months. They will return to Bisbee next fall.

Mrs. Mary A. Williams, Division organizer of the Home League Orphanage, was in the city yesterday, in the interest of the homeless and destitute children. The work of the Home League embraces a noble list of charities, and should be supported by all. Caring for the homeless and destitute children, making them self supporting and assisting widows to provide for their children at home. No better way can be found in assisting the country's future welfare, than in making good citizens of her homeless and destitute.

The Home League was founded in 1886, by Jay M. Lind. They have opened orphanages at Denver, Leadville, Victor, a relief home at Cripple Creek, and have instituted schools, that are quite a credit to this organization. Since this work began they have cared for over 1100 children, over 400 widowed mothers have been helped with their children, over 500,000 meals have been fed to homeless children, and over 120,000 garments have been supplied to homeless children. The Home League is non-sectarian, and its work embraces all the states. The League is represented in Arizona by Mrs. F. W. Sisson, and B. Dubach, F. F. Cranz.

Archbishop Ryan, on visiting a small parish, in a mining district asked a little girl the definition of "Matrimony." She answered, "It is a state of terrible torment, which those who enter are compelled to undergo for a time, to prepare them for a better and brighter world. 'No, no,' remonstrated the pastor. 'That is not matrimony, that is purgatory.' 'Let her alone,' said the Archbishop. 'Maybe she is right. What do you and I know about it?'

GREAT TONTO RESERVOIR

Brief Description of the Gigantic Undertaking Now Underway in Gila County

Washington, April 29.—A few days ago the secretary of the interior let the contracts for the largest irrigation reservoir in the world.

It is to be called the Roosevelt dam. Near it is a new town, also called Roosevelt. Both are situated in Arizona, on the Salt river, near its junction with Tonto creek.

This dam is the main feature of one of the largest of the government irrigation projects. It is located in a canyon of the Salt river, just below its junction with the small tributary above named. It will be 270 feet high, 210 feet long, 165 feet thick at the base, and 16 feet thick on top.

This dam will create a lake 25 miles long and two miles in width—the largest artificial reservoir in the world. It will be constructed of "broken range cyclopean rubble" and Portland cement. The stone of which it will be built will be quarried from the walls on each side of the canyon. It is contemplated that work on the structure shall be carried on continuously day and night.

Electricity for night work will be furnished free by the government. The waters of Salt river have been harnessed to an electric power plant which develops 4400 horse power, by means of a turbine, under a head of 220 feet fall. The power thus developed runs a cement mill and does all the hoisting, drilling, digging, etc., for the construction of the dam.

The cement mill is located about 1500 feet from the damsite, and has been equipped with all the most modern machinery for making Portland cement. Clay is taken from the ground within a mile from the mill, and one corner of the mill stands on a bed of limestone, which is one of the principle ingredients. Close at hand are the sand and other materials from which bricks, as well as cement, may be made. The mill has a capacity of 300 barrels a day. It is estimated that 200,000 barrels of cement will be needed to build the dam.

Another very important adjunct to this big work is a wagon road which has been built from Roosevelt to Mesa. Globe is the nearest town, 40 miles distant. Another road, three miles in length, was built, leading to the timber in the Sierra Ancha, where about 1,000,000 feet of lumber have been sawed for use in the work.

Some idea of the difficulty encountered in the construction of the road to Mesa may be inferred from the fact

that in some places, where it traverses the Salt river canyon, it is cut through solid rock sixty or seventy feet deep, while Fish creek hill is climbed at the base of vertical cliffs 600 feet high, where rock cuts sixty and seventy feet deep and fills of an equal height were necessary. Some portions of the road cost at the rate of \$25,000 a mile. During the short period while it was under construction 400,000 pounds of freight were hauled over it.

The waters of this Roosevelt dam will be controlled by the largest hydraulic gates ever built. With their controlling mechanism, they will weigh 800,000 pounds. When the reservoir is full they will be capable of discharging 10,000 cubic feet of water a second. They will regulate the supply of water in canals fifty miles away.

The gates are to stand at the head of a 500-foot tunnel which has been driven through the side of the canyon, and through which the waters of the Salt and Tonto rivers will be diverted while the dam is being built. It is estimated that the dam will be completed in about two years.

The excess water from the enormous reservoir will be sent through pipes into water wheels or turbines, and the power generated will be taken sixty or seventy miles distant to centrifugal pumps, by which other water will be raised to higher planes in the Salt river valley. It is estimated that each horse-power developed will irrigate ten acres, at a distance of sixty miles. An area of no less than 50,000 acres is to be reclaimed by this subsidiary power project.

The estimated cost of the dam and power plants will be \$3,200,000. Upward of 200,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Phoenix will be reclaimed. Most of this land is now in private ownership. In fact, practically all the land which will be supplied by the gravity system—that is, without pumping—is embraced in the hands of the Water Users' association, a voluntary organization of the settlers who are to be benefited by this work, and which has pledged 200,000 acres to the government to guarantee the repayment of the cost of the work. The land to be reclaimed by pumping is still public domain, and it is not likely that there will be water for it within three years.

Officials of the reclamation service are not encouraging settlers to

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